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THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ROLFE WITH NOTES
OF SOME CONNECTED FAMILIES.

THE FLEMING FAMILY.

(Continued)

9. JOHN³ FLEMING; b. —; d. April 21, 1767, in Cumberland County; m. —; Susanna —.

John Fleming lived in Cumberland, doubtless at "Maiden's Adventure" which had been left him by his father. He was a lawyer, and soon obtained note at the bar, and an extensive practice. His fee book, covering the period 1754-1766, has been preserved, and shows the extent of his practice. In 1756, he was elected a member of the House of Burgesses for Cumberland, and represented that county continuously for eleven years, until his death in 1767 (*Journals of the House of Burgesses*). When the political troubles with England began, he sided with the advanced adherents of colonial rights, and became the warm friend of Patrick Henry, and a supporter of the measures he advocated. Wirt and Henry, in their lives of Henry, state that John Fleming of Cumberland, and George Johnston of Fairfax, were the only members to whom Patrick Henry showed his famous resolutions of 1765, before offering them in the House. Edmund Randolph in his manuscript fragment on the history of Virginia, says "The resolutions offered by Mr. Henry are understood to have been written by Mr. John Fleming, a member for Cumberland County, distinguished for his patriotism, and the strength of his understanding."

The Virginia Gazette, April 30, 1767, contains a notice of the death of Col. Fleming: "On Tuesday, the 21st of this instant died, at his home in Cumberland, Col. John Fleming, member of the Assembly for that county, and an eminent practitioner in the law. He was a gentleman of distinguished merit and abilities, which makes his death much lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and may be considered a public loss."

The following is an abstract of his will, dated April 7, 1763, and proved in Cumberland April 27, 1767: "I John Fleming, of Cumberland Co., attorney at law. In compliance with will of deceased father John Fleming, have given my brother Charles Fleming, land on Willis' Creek. To wife Susanna my land at and adjoining Maiden's Adventure, including 100 acres I purchased of Wm. Dudley and 100 of Silvester Alford, for her life, and at her death, to my son John. To my wife 3604 acres in Lunenburg Co., I purchased of Hugh Miller, and two lots in Gatesville [Ches-terfield Co.] and also all my slaves and personal estate. Wife to provide for the maintenance and education of the children. To son John the violin I bought of Col. Hunter, and my case of razors. * * * Appoint my brothers Thomas, William, and Richard guardian of my son John, and my daughters."



MARY BOLLING,
WIFE OF COL. JOHN FLEMING, SR.

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Col. John³ and Susanna Fleming had issue.

† 17. John⁴; b. —; killed at the battle of Princeton, Jan. 3d, 1777; never married.

† 18. Mary⁴; married (1) Warner Lewis, Jr., of "Severn Hall," Gloucester Co.; (2) —Ellis; died without surviving issue, leaving Susan Lewis, afterwards Mrs. Byrd, her chief legatee (*Vouchers in Va. Land Office*).

† 19. Susanna⁴, married Addison Lewis of Gloucester Co. (See genealogies of Lewis and Byrd families).

There is on record in Goochland, a deed dated September, 1777, from Mary Fleming daughter of John Fleming, deceased, attorney at law, conveying to Wm. Fleming, of Powhatan Co., attorney at law, and Charles Fleming, Captain in the Seventh Virginia Battallion in the Army of the United States of America; for love and affection to the said Wm. and Charles, her uncles, one full moiety of a tract of land in Goochland, on the north side of James River, and on both sides of Little Lickinghole Creek, containing 750 acres, which tract was devised to Thomas Fleming, uncle of said Mary, by the will of John Fleming deceased, dated Nov. 1756, and recorded in Cumberland, and was devised to John Fleming, father of the said Mary, by the will of the said Thomas Fleming, dated Goochland, July 1759, and also all the right of the said Mary in the slaves and other personal estate of the said Thos. Fleming, who made John, father of the said Mary, his residuary legatee; said Wm. and Charles to pay all debts due from the estate of her father, John Fleming, deceased.

There is also recorded in Goochland, a deed dated Nov. 11, 1777, from Warner Lewis, Jr., of Severn Hall, Gloucester Co., to John Page, of Rosewell, conveying a tract of land in Goochland, called Dover, containing 700 acres, which had lately become vested in the said Mary and Susannah Fleming her sister, as co-heirs of their brother John Fleming, deceased.

The two sisters, Mary and Susanna Fleming, appear to have lived much in Williamsburg, and a letter written from that place has been preserved.

Williamsburg April 16, 1777

"My Dearest Uncle,

I received your favor acquainting me of your having been five days under Inoculation, and have since had the pleasure to hear that you have recover'd from the Small-Pox; ten thousand blessings on the kind old woman that nursed you, Robinson I think is her name, I shall ever hold it in high veneration for the tenderness she has shewn towards you; for my sake, for the sake of all the friends you have left behind, be as careful of your Health as your situation will allow, let me not be depriv'd of all that's dear; already have I lost too much in the best & most lov'd of Brothers [Jno. F. killed at Princeton]—You also my Uncle know what it is to have lost a Brother; [Col. Thos. F.] I thought of your situation at the time of his Death, and believe me I suffer'd more for the survivor,

than for Him whom I trust is supremely blest and out of the reach of those distresses we poor mortals are subject to, & no doubt looks down with pity and compassion on those he has left behind him, & wonders how they can be so short-sighted as to grieve for those who enjoy the blessings prepared for them who die in the Lord; they enjoy that happiness which no tongue can tell, no pen describe, nor has it enter'd into the Heart of Man to Conceive.

I have the pleasure to tell you that my Uncle Wm. is much better than you left him, and in a fair way of recovering entirely. I wrote to him respecting our living with Mr. Webb, but have received no answer yet.

I suppose you have receiv'd my poor dear Brother's things by this time, if he shou'd have left any letters, shall be oblig'd to you to take particular care of them. I wrote to Him by Colonel Bland but as he did not get there before the Death of my Brother. shou'd be obliged to my dear Uncle if he will enquire of Him what he did with the letter, and if he has not destroy'd it get it and commit it to the flames. My sister desires her love to you and will write by the next opportunity. Miss Polly Clayton's best wishes attend you, & when you have accepted of my love & duty conclude me

Your most affect.
and faithful Nicce
Mary Fleming"

Mr. and Mrs. Webb desire their love and best wishes to you.

M. F."

"Capt. Charles Fleming
of the 7th Virginia Reg."

Some time prior to 1777, a Williamsburg versifier, supposed to have been St. George Tucker, or Dr. McClurg, wrote lines intitled "The Belles of Williamsburg," describing the leading beauties and belles of the capital city. An annotated copy was printed in the Richmond Standard, of July 16, 1881. The stanzas relating to the Fleming sisters are as follows:

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"Advance Then, each illustrious maid
In order bright, to our parade
With Beauty's ensigns gay;
And first, two nymphs, who, rural plains
Forsook, disdainng rustic swains
No where exact their sway

V

Myrtilla's * beauty who can paint?
The well turned form and glowing tint
 May deck a common creature
But who can make th' expressive soul
With lively sense inform the whole
 And light up every feature?

VI

At church Myrtilla lowly kneels
No passion but devotion feels
 No smiles her looks environ
But let her thoughts to pleasure fly
The basalisk is in her eye
 And on her tongue the syren.

VII

Fond youth no longer gaze; beware!
Lest, once enslaved, the dangerous fair
 Should leave you in the lurch
The god whom poets make their care
I supplicate that I may ne'er
 Behold her but at church.

VIII

More rigorous beauty, fresher bloom
With tints from Nature's richest loom
 In Sylvia's† features glow
Would she her sister's arts apply
And catch the magic of her eye
 She'd rule the world below."

*"*Miss Fleming †Miss S. Fleming."*
(To be Continued)

HARRISON OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

(Continued)

Before continuing the genealogy it is desirable to give some corrections and additions derived from later information.

3. THOMAS³ HARRISON (XXIII, 215, 216) had, in addition to the sons named, a daughter Elizabeth who married in 1727, Benjamin Bullitt, of Prince William Co., who died in 1757. She was the mother of Cuthbert